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SOURCE

On 22 September 1953, the Lossa training area was occupied by Soviet troops. Noise of battle, including reports of AT guns, machine guns and, presumably, mortars, was heard from the training area. Ten T-34/85 tanks were seen in a simulated attack against infantry positions on the southern edge of the training area in the Bachra area. The tanks repeatedly took position just north of Bachra and proceeded toward the fortifications in inverted wedge formation. There was no firing. The Lossa-Wiehe road was blocked. Truck C 7-61-63 continually hauled officers to the Lossa railroad station. The officers left toward Weissenfels. Motor vehicles

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were seen en route to the training area.

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Comment. The information indicates that elements of the 21st Gds Mecz Div were still at the Lossa training grounds on 22 September.

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